AMA REUNION 2002 WILL HONOR AMERICA

The 2002 AMA Alumni Reunion will be a Star-Spangled event with gratitude to AMA's alumni who saved Western Civilization 60 years ago in World War II and with fervent thanks to the American men and women who are fighting evil and terrorism today.

The focus of Reunion 2002 will be our veterans of World War II. AMA made an unbelievable sacrifice in that conflict with 52 of her boys killed in action. When you compare that to the 42 members of the 1942 graduating class, it gives you a measure of AMA's contribution to the cause of freedom.

Part of the special tribute to our veterans of World War II will be a magnificent display of **World War II vehicles** and equipment on the Drill Field. Weather permitting, there will be a **flyover**. A special visit to the **D-Day Memorial** in Bedford is scheduled and a speaker of note will bring a message to all of us at our Saturday luncheon. While we want to go "all out" in welcoming back to AMA our heroes of WW II, we will also have plenty to do for everyone else!

REUNION 2002
LOOKING FORWARD
LOOKING BACK...
AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Of course, the primary reason most of us come to a reunion is to reconnect with old friends, and there will be many opportunities to do just that. The **Hospitality Tent** will be open from Thursday midday until Sunday morning with an **Early Bird Reception** at the Staunton Country Club on Thursday. The **PX** will be open just inside the door to our **Headquarters Hotel, the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center**.

There will be **Golf** on Friday morning and **Tennis** Friday afternoon. The Awards Banquet on Friday night will give us a chance to meet the 2002 **AMA Medal** winners and to present the **AMA Legacy Scholarships** to three very deserving young people.

AMA salutes its veterans of WWII

In the spirit of World War II, we'll have a **USO Canteen** breakfast on Saturday. The **AMA Alumni Board** will meet followed by the annual membership meeting. The military equipment display on the campus and the lunch in the gym will give us a chance to see the latest additions to the **AMA Museum**, including a new WW II display.

Founders Day ceremonies will be held in the Stone Church Cemetery (in the church if it rains) and the annual **Sporting Clay Shoot** will take place in Harrisonburg. Then, there will be a **Kentucky Derby Party** followed by a **Tequila Sunset Party**, both under the Big Top. All through the day, the annual **Silent Auction** will be going on with winners announced at the **Barbecue and Dance** which concludes Saturday's activities. On Sunday morning, **Coach Bill Ralph** will have his annual **Prayer Breakfast.**

"Something for everybody" may be an overused phrase, but it certainly fits here. Register **today** for the most exciting AMA reunion ever!

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HONOR CLASSES

Eight classes will be honored at Reunion 2002

✧ 1932 ✧ 1942 ✧ 1952 ✧ 1962 ✧
✧ 1967 ✧ 1972 ✧ 1977 ✧ 1982 ✧

THERE ARE CLASS AGENTS FOR SIX OF THEM

1942 - Rutland Beard ✧ 1952 - Jim "Shad" White

1962 - Bob Ridgeway ✧ 1967 - Mac McInnis

1972 - Sam Wysong ✧ 1977 - Shawn Ogimachi

Contact your Class Agent to arrange for your class picture at the USO Canteen on Saturday 4 May

REUNION 2002 LOOKING FORWARD LOOKING BACK... AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Reunion 2002

It's difficult to believe that eight months have passed since we all gathered in the Shenandoah Valley for our last reunion. It's even more difficult to fathom that we are at WAR in retaliation for the despicable acts of terrorism against our country on September 11, 2001, and that we have implemented more than 500 air strikes on key al-Qaida strongholds in Afghanistan.

I read a bumper sticker which said: "It's up to God to forgive Osama Bin Laden… it's up to us to arrange the meeting!" (Signed by the U.S. Marines). Perhaps that meeting will have taken place by the time of our reunion. God Bless America… God Bless Freedom… God Bless the families of those killed or injured on 9/11… and God Bless our service men and women who are fighting the war against the terrorists in the Middle East.

The theme for Reunion 2002 is "Over There." During our reunion weekend, we'll honor veterans of World War II… the soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought to keep our country free. If it weren't for their heroic efforts and their magnificent sacrifices, we'd be a different country with but a fraction of the freedoms we take for granted today.

Let's ALL gather in the Valley this coming May 3, 4 and 5 to:

* Honor our alumni who fought for our freedoms in World War II
* Inflate the friendships we've known and cherished for years
* Pay homage to our Alumni House/Museum
* Celebrate our freedom to travel and revel with friends and family.

We have rallied as a country full of Pride, Patriotism, Camaraderie, Dignity and Honor… AGAIN! Doesn't it feel great?

We need volunteers to help with "things" at the reunion. Please contact me, **Frank Williamson, Gary Nicholson** or **Dave Conrad** if you can offer assistance. We also need financial support. Please be generous, and feel free to ask any Board member how your donation can be put to a specific use (i.e., *The Bayonet*, our scholarships, the Wish List, etc.)

Our reunion conflicts with several graduations taking place in the Valley at the same time, so make your hotel reservations soon, register and come early, plan on taking the motor coach tour to the D-Day National Memorial in Bedford, play golf or tennis or shoot clays, come see the Museum, and be in the company of your fellow alumni.

SEE YOU IN MAY!

Garry

Garry Granger, '71, President
AMA Alumni Association

Don't be disappointed. Make your hotel reservations NOW!

James Madison University has its commencement exercises the weekend of our reunion, and hotel rooms will be hard to find.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center
$78 a night + tax
1/800/932-9061 or 540/248-6020

OFFICIAL HOTEL

Best Inn
$65 a night + tax
540/248-5111

The two hotels listed, above, are at Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275

OTHER AREA HOTELS

Ingleside Hotel, still on Route 11
1/800/556-8585 or 540/248-1201

Comfort Inn, Route 250 West
1/800/228-5150 or 540/886-5000

Hampton Inn, Route 11 South
1/800/426-7866 or 540/886-7000

Shoney's Inn, Route 250 East
1/800/552-4667 or 540/885-3117

Super 8 Motel, Route 250 East
1/800/800-8000 or 540/886-2888

EconoLodge, Route 250 East
1/800/553-2666 or 540/885-5158

Ramada Inn, Verona
1/800/272-6232 or 540/248-8981

Microtel, Route 250 East
1/877/877-8439 or 540/887-0200

Best Western, Route 250 East
1/800/752-9471 or 540/248-885-1112

Sleep Inn, Route 50 East
1/800/488-8750 or 540/887-6500

AMA does NOT make hotel reservations. Make your reservations early, and BE SURE TO ASK FOR SPECIAL AMA RATES!

The Tentative Schedule for Reunion 2002

THURSDAY 2 MAY

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open
Continuing exhibit - AMA honors its veterans of World War II

Noon-4 PM . . . . Early Bird registration
PX open
Holiday Inn

Noon-1 PM . . . . . Casual golf tee times
Ingleside

5:00-7:00 PM . . . Early Bird Reception
Staunton Country Club

7:30 PM . . . Hospitality Room reopens
Hospitality Tent

FRIDAY 3 MAY

9:00 AM-6:30 PM . . . . . Registration
PX and Hospitality Tent open

8:30 AM . Golfers register/photos made
Ingleside Country Club

9:00 AM . . . . . Tour of D-Day Memorial
Bedford, Virginia by motor coach
NOTE: LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE!
Sign up when you send in the blue registration form!

9:30 AM . AMA Open Golf Tournament
Ingleside Country Club

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

1:00 PM . . . . AMA Tennis Tournament
Staunton Country Club

5:30-6:30 PM . . . . . AMA Reception
Hospitality Tent
Attire: Coat and tie

7:00 PM . . . . . Awards Banquet
Holiday Inn Ballrooms
Cash bar open at 7
AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals

Dinner served at 7:30 PM

9:00 PM . . . . Hospitality Tent reopens

SATURDAY 4 MAY

7:30 AM . . . . . USO Canteen
Hospitality Tent
Class photos/class meetings

9:00 AM . Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM . . Tribute to WW II veterans
Display of military equipment
Flyover by World War II aircraft
Parade Grounds at AMA

12:15 PM . . . . . Luncheon featuring a special speaker in a continuing tribute to AMA's veterans of World War II

2:00 PM . . . Founders Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery
(In case of rain, ceremonies will be held in the church)

2:30 PM . Alumni House/Museum open

3:00 PM . . . . . Sporting clays shoot
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg

4:30 PM Alumni House/Museum closes

5:00 PM Informal Kentucky Derby party
Mint juleps
Hospitality Tent

6:00 PM . . . . . Tequila Sunset Party
Tequila shooters
Hospitality Tent

7:15 PM until . . . . Barbecue and dance
Disc jockey
Hospitality Tent

SUNDAY 5 MAY

9:00 AM . . . . . Prayer breakfast
Coach Bill Ralph
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM Alumni House/Museum open

11:00 AM . . . . . Sunday Service
Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church

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AMA

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WWII

Registration form

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Make hotel reservations soon!

Be in Fort Defiance
next May!

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Registration form

Please print

Name _____ Class _____

Your home address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (___) _____ e-mail: _____

Name you want on your name tag _____

Name of guest(s) for name tags (if children, give ages) _____

Make checks payable to: **AMA Alumni Association, Inc.**

Mail to: **Reunion 2002, P. O. Box 101**
Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101

MasterCard VISA

Card number _____ **Expires** _____

Signature required for credit card charge _____

Please return this form by 10 April 2002 so we can plan meal functions

Make hotel reservations DIRECTLY with the hotel of your choice.
Headquarters hotel is Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center.
Phone, TOLL FREE, 1/800/932-9061

Please complete, below, if applicable:

___ I will take the Friday motor coach tour to the D-Day Memorial in Bedford.
Cost per person, which includes lunch, is $25.
___ Number of people who will take the Bedford trip
Will anyone in your party need a wheelchair or golf cart? ___ How many? ___

See story on page 40

Questions? Phone 540/248-3007, or e-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

Note: if you use VISA or MasterCard,
you can FAX your reservation to:
540/248-4533

Select A and C OR B and C:

A: ENTIRE REUNION WEEKEND:
Hospitality tent plus all Thursday, Friday and Saturday meal functions, and Saturday morning breakfast in Hospitality Tent. Does **NOT** include Friday trip to D-Day Memorial.

Per person $99 Total _____
Per couple $198 Total _____

B: FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS ONLY:

Thursday evening 2 May reception
Per person $20 * Total _____
Friday 3 May motor coach tour to D-Day Memorial, with lunch
Per person $25 Total _____
Friday evening 3 May Banquet
Per person $30 * Total _____
Saturday 4 May luncheon
Per person $12 Total _____
Saturday evening 4 May Dance Party
Per person $30 * Total _____

* Includes Hospitality Tent receptions and parties

NOTE: Children 13-17, half price.
Children 12 and under, free

C: A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION
We hope you will decide to make a donation to the AMA Alumni Foundation. Select below:

THE $100 CLUB _____
ONE DAY CLUB ($167) ** _____
THREE DAY CLUB ($500) *** _____
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ($1,000) _____
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS _____
MUSEUM CONTRIBUTION _____
OPERATING FUND _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ _____

** $167 keeps the museum open for one day
*** $500 keeps the museum open for three days

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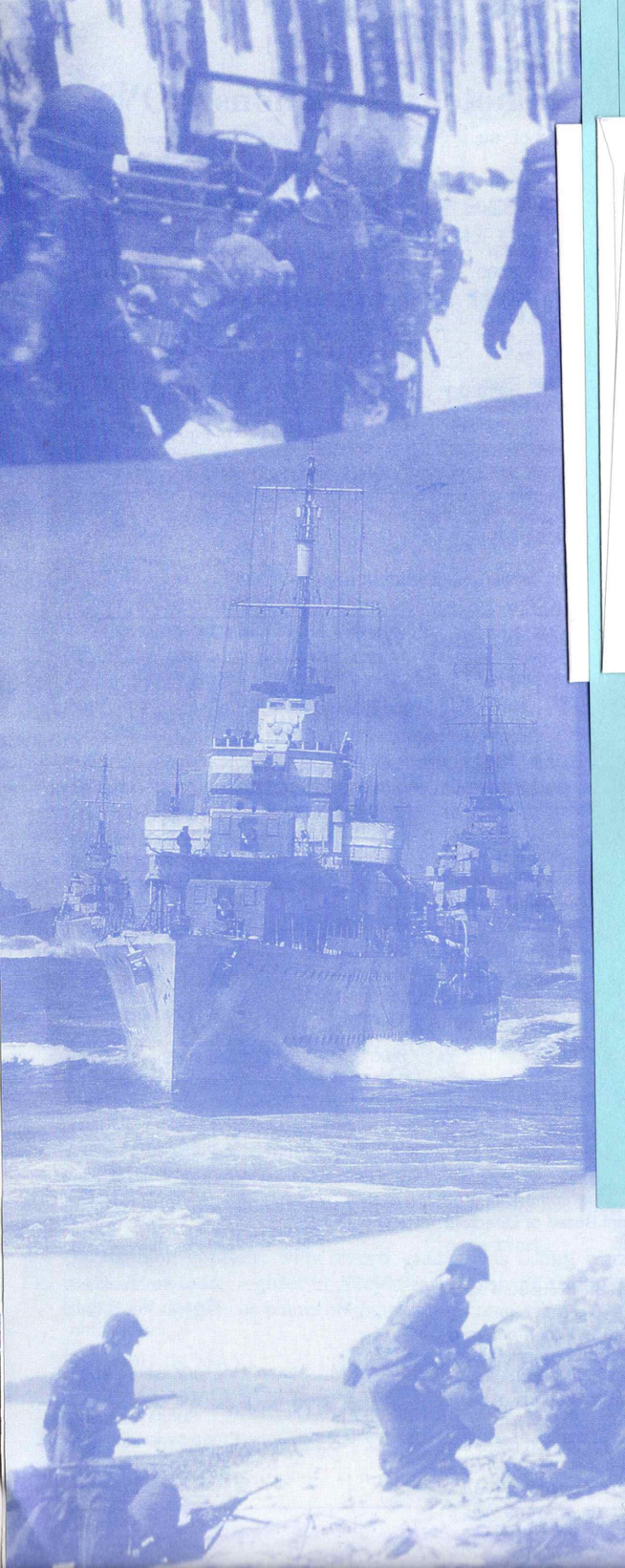

VISA

During Reunion 2002

A visit to the D-Day Memorial

President Bush traveled to Bedford, VA this past summer to dedicate the National D-Day Memorial. As part of Reunion 2002, we will offer a trip to the memorial on Friday 3 May. When you register for the reunion, be sure to indicate if you will be going on this trip to honor those brave Americans who invaded Hitler's Europe on the 6th of June 1944. You will never forget this experience.

AMA salutes its veterans of WWII

Are you not able to walk far, or not able to walk at all?

The National D-Day Memorial has golf carts to help you get around!

Not only that, but our friend, Bob Hume, '63, is providing a luxury motor coach that will accommodate wheelchairs. Thanks so very much, Bob!

When you send in your blue registration form, let us know that you want to ride on the bus that will transport your wheelchair, or that you will need a golf cart when you get to Bedford.

Travel with other AMA alumni and friends to the National D-Day Memorial on Friday 3 May during Reunion 2002!

WHY WAS THE MEMORIAL BUILT IN VIRGINIA? In 1941, the Virginia National Guard was activated and became the 116th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Division. General Eisenhower selected the 116th to go ashore in the first wave at Omaha Beach, which would be the scene of the bloodiest fighting on D-Day. Virginia lost 797 of her best men and boys on that one day.

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Tales of loss and heroism on D-Day are as innumerable as the grains of sand on the Normandy beaches. *Saving Private Ryan* and other motion pictures attempted to recreate the horror of D-Day, but no one not there can understand what it was like. More than 6,000 Americans died (including three AMA men), yet the day was a successful beginning-of-the-end for Hitler and his fellow war criminals.

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SIGN UP NOW FOR THE

THE 2002 AMA GOLF OPEN

Can you help us get "goodies" for the players?

Each year, we have been able to obtain some very nice prizes for the players.

We're looking for caps, balls, golf tees, towels, umbrellas and such. **We'll also take cash!**

If you can help us make the tournament a success, please get in touch with
Lewie Kennett, '72
930 Paradise Acres Drive
Boones Mill, VA 24065
540/721-3456
e-mail: lckennett@aol.com

4 person team scramble (Captain's choice)
Use every player's tee shot twice - Lowest score wins!

Proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation

Everyone welcome - men, women and teens

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd & last place! Best putt! Longest drive! Closest to the pin!

Drawing for Mulligan Prizes! $10 per Mulligan
Limit, 2 per player

FEES: $75 per person includes green fees, cart, refreshments, box lunch, goody bags, prizes

Ingleside Country Club
Friday 3 May at 9:30 AM

Deadline to enter: 15 April

SHOTGUN START

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THE 2002 AMA GOLF OPEN SIGN-UP

Your name _____ **Class** _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ **e-mail** _____

Handicap, or last three scores _____

☐ *I'll play with anyone* ☐ *Team me with* _____ *Class* _____

_____ *Class* _____

☐ *We have a foursome*

_____ *Class* _____ _____ *Class* _____

_____ *Class* _____ _____ *Class* _____

Make check to: AMA Alumni Association
Mail form to: GOLF, c/o AMA Alumni Association
(Photocopy OK) P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101

TENNIS ANYONE?

Would you like to play? Then, get in touch with Colonel Frank Pilley, `51
e-mail: fpilley@aol.com
703/323-7111

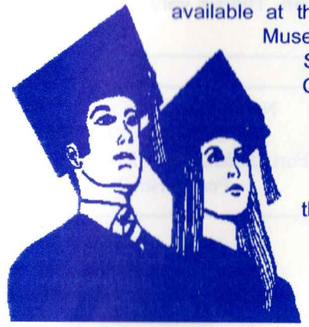
Great fun with other AMA players during Reunion 2002

A RELAXED INTRAMURAL EVENT THIS YEAR! Male **and female** players of all ages and levels of skill can play singles or doubles on the Staunton Country Club courts.

FRIDAY 3 MAY AT 1 PM, STAUNTON COUNTRY CLUB
NEXT DOOR TO THE REUNION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Applications available for three $2,000 scholarships

Three AMA Legacy Scholarships worth $2,000 each will be awarded during Reunion 2002, and applications for the awards are now available at the AMA Alumni House/ Museum.



Scholarship Committee Chairman **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, said that completed applications must be received by 22 March 2002 in order that the judging may be completed and the scholarship winners can be advised before the reunion.

John Henderson, `69, is sponsoring one of the scholarships in honor of the Roller family and his father. Orenstein invites other alumni and friends of Augusta to likewise sponsor a scholarship.

The AMA Legacy Scholarships are awarded each year to direct descendants of AMA alumni (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren etc., whether natural, adopted or step) who are age 25 or less and enrolled in or have been accepted at an educational institution past the high school level.

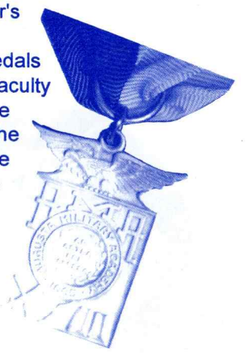
Scholarships are paid directly to the institutions.

To obtain a scholarship application, write:
Scholarships, c/o AMA Alumni Foundation,
P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100.
Phone 540/248-3007 or FAX 540/248-4533.
E-mail: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

REMEMBER: 22 MARCH is the deadline for submitting scholarship applications!

2002 AMA Alumni Medal nominations being sought

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Medals for 2002 will be presented during the Friday night Awards Banquet at Reunion 2002, and nominations for this year's medals are now being solicited.



This will be the 4th year that medals have been given to AMA alumni, faculty and friends who have done extraordinary things for AMA and the AMA Alumni Association. Those nominated may have done one spectacular thing for AMA, or it may have been a continuing series of contributions to the association and to the legacy of AMA.

A committee appointed by Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, `71**, will study the nominations and determine the winners. There is no set number of medalists in a given year, and those who have received the medal in the past are eligible to be considered in subsequent years.

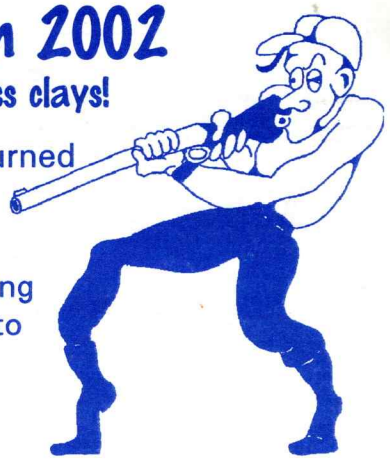
Medal winners the first year(1999) were **Ed Click, `50, Bill Gray, `37, V. P. Leavel, `39, Steve Pearson, `72**, and **Frank Williamson, `60**. The 2000 winners were **Tommy Simmons, `52, Gary Nicholson, `70, Mickey Gordon, `39**, and **Bob Bradford, '50**. Last year's medalists were **Chief Chester Cole, B. J. d'Orsay, '70, Gordon Metz, '68, Sergeant Don Studer**, and **Ben Zinkhan, '60**.

Submit your nominations to: AMA MEDAL, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101; by FAX to 540/248-4533, or by e-mail to: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 5 APRIL 2002

Sporting Clay Shoot scheduled for Reunion 2002

Feeling stressed and aggravated? Take it out on those poor defenseless clays!



For the past few years, fellows attending AMA reunions have adjourned to the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg to try their hand at a sporting clay shoot. They'll do it again this year.

You don't have to be an expert marksman and you don't even have to bring your own gun! Just let **Blaine Clarke, '72**, know that you want to participate. E-mail: nuroses53@aol.com, or phone 301/947-0034.

3 PM on Saturday 4 May after Founders Day ceremonies

The Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg

Silent Auction offers treasures

The Silent Auction at Reunion 2002 will be offering things that were once treasures, and are again, plus items and collectibles made by alumni, alumni wives and friends of AMA.

Dave Conrad, `59, is again Chairman of the auction. *"We are expecting some unique items again this year,"* he says, *"and we are looking for more items which can be auctioned off during the reunion weekend."*

In previous years, the auction has seen hand-made angels, quilts, AMA memorabilia, and even a cherry desk built and donated by an alumnus. There have been pictures, antiques, a stay at a bed and breakfast, and other valuable items.

One thing to be auctioned off this year is an envelope with the stamp commemorating the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. What's so unusual about that? Well, President Clinton cancelled the issuance of the stamp, but we have one anyway on an envelope autographed by General Paul Tibbetts, the commander of the B-29 which dropped the bomb!

Be thinking about what you have in your attic, garage or closet that would be valuable to someone else. It was once valuable to you and it can be valuable to someone else!

Bring your contributions to the Silent Auction to the registration area when you come to the reunion. Thanks very much!

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24437-0101

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Ways to Contribute to the AMA Alumni Association/Museum

1- General Fund
2- Roller Society
3- Scholarship (VMI & Legacy…or Individual)
4- Building Fund
5- Pavers
6- One Day or three Day Expenses
7- Buy a room in the house
8- Fund PX items
9- Lease payment
10- Tend the House for a weekend
11- Join a committee
12- Pay for utilities
13- Wish List
    a. Mailing cost
    b. Printing cost
    c. Labor cost (pay for a part time person)
    d. Buy a tent
    e. Buy a display case
    f. Internet Services
    g. Maintenance
    h. Grill for the Picnics
    i. Speaker phone for the Conference Room
    j. Cleaning Supplies (chemicals, trash bags, etc.)
    k. Contributions of Food and Paper products for events
    l. Help with Software implementation

Roll of Board members-

Get involved – Set an example for others
Get others involved – Seek their contribution
Give it an hour a week…..10 minutes per day!!
Make a call, write a letter, stop and assist
Support the efforts of the longevity of the AMA Spirit